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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on August 9, 2005, and to the notice of incomplete reply mailed June 16, 2006. Since this response is mailed within the one-month time period for response to the notice of incomplete reply, Applicants believe that no fee is needed with this submission. In the event that a fee is due, the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge it to Deposit Account No. 50-3352. This paper is substantially the same as that filed on March 24, 2005, except that the items pointed out by the Examiner in the Notice of Incomplete Reply have been addressed.

Please amend the specification and claims as follows: